

House File 634

H-1356

1 Amend House File 634 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

3 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.175A Iowa needs nurses now
4 initiative — fund.

5 1. *Nurse educator incentive payment program.*

6 a. The department shall establish a nurse educator incentive
7 payment program. For the purposes of **this subsection**, “*nurse*
8 *educator*” means a registered nurse who holds a master’s degree
9 or doctorate degree and is employed as a faculty member who
10 teaches nursing in a nursing education program as provided in
11 rules adopted by the board of nursing at a community college,
12 an accredited private institution, or an institution of higher
13 education governed by the state board of regents.

14 b. The program shall consist of incentive payments to
15 recruit and retain nurse educators. The program shall provide
16 for incentive payments of up to twenty thousand dollars for a
17 nurse educator who remains teaching in a qualifying teaching
18 position for a period of not less than four consecutive
19 academic years.

20 c. The nurse educator and the department shall enter into an
21 agreement specifying the obligations of the nurse educator and
22 the department. If the nurse educator leaves the qualifying
23 teaching position prior to teaching for four consecutive
24 academic years, the nurse educator shall be liable to repay
25 the incentive payment amount to the state, plus interest as
26 specified by rule. However, if the nurse educator leaves
27 the qualifying teaching position involuntarily, the nurse
28 educator shall be liable to repay only a pro rata amount of the
29 incentive payment based on incompleting years of service.

30 d. The department, in consultation with the board of
31 nursing, the department of education, and the Iowa nurses
32 association, shall adopt rules pursuant to **chapter 17A** relating
33 to the establishment and administration of the nurse educator
34 incentive payment program. The rules shall include provisions
35 specifying what constitutes a qualifying teaching position.

1 2. *Nursing faculty fellowship program.*

2 a. The department shall establish a nursing faculty
3 fellowship program to provide funds to nursing schools in the
4 state, including but not limited to nursing schools located at
5 community colleges, for fellowships for individuals employed in
6 qualifying positions on the nursing faculty. The program shall
7 be designed to assist nursing schools in filling vacancies in
8 qualifying positions throughout the state.

9 b. The department, in consultation with the board of
10 nursing, the department of education, and the Iowa nurses
11 association, and in cooperation with nursing schools throughout
12 the state, shall develop a distribution formula which shall
13 provide that no more than thirty percent of the available
14 moneys are awarded to a single nursing school. Additionally,
15 the program shall limit funding for a qualifying position in a
16 nursing school to no more than ten thousand dollars per year
17 for up to three years.

18 c. The department, in consultation with the board of
19 nursing, the department of education, and the Iowa nurses
20 association, shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) to
21 administer the program. The rules shall include provisions
22 specifying what constitutes a qualifying position at a nursing
23 school.

24 d. In determining eligibility for a fellowship, the
25 department shall consider all of the following:

26 (1) The length of time a qualifying position has gone
27 unfilled at a nursing school.

28 (2) Documented recruiting efforts by a nursing school.

29 (3) The geographic location of a nursing school.

30 (4) The type of nursing program offered at the nursing
31 school, including associate, bachelor's, master's, or doctoral
32 degrees in nursing, and the need for the specific nursing
33 program in the state.

34 3. *Nurse educator scholarship program.*

35 a. The department shall establish a nurse educator

1 scholarship program. The goal of the nurse educator
2 scholarship program is to address the waiting list of qualified
3 applicants to Iowa's nursing schools by providing incentives
4 for the training of additional nursing educators. For the
5 purposes of [this subsection](#), "nurse educator" means a registered
6 nurse who holds a master's degree or doctorate degree and is
7 employed as a faculty member who teaches nursing in a nursing
8 education program as provided in rules adopted by the board
9 of nursing at a community college, an accredited private
10 institution, or an institution of higher education governed by
11 the state board of regents.

12 *b.* The program shall consist of scholarships to further
13 advance the education of nurses to become nurse educators. The
14 program shall provide for scholarship payments in an amount
15 established by rule for students who are preparing to teach in
16 qualifying teaching positions.

17 *c.* The department, in consultation with the board of
18 nursing, the department of education, and the Iowa nurses
19 association, shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) relating
20 to the establishment and administration of the nurse educator
21 scholarship program. The rules shall include provisions
22 specifying what constitutes a qualifying teaching position and
23 the amount of any scholarship.

24 *4. Nurse educator scholarship-in-exchange-for-service*
25 *program.*

26 *a.* The department shall establish a nurse educator
27 scholarship-in-exchange-for-service program. The goal of the
28 nurse educator scholarship-in-exchange-for-service program is
29 to address the waiting list of qualified applicants to Iowa's
30 nursing schools by providing incentives for the education
31 of additional nursing educators. For the purposes of this
32 subsection, "nurse educator" means a registered nurse who holds
33 a master's degree or doctorate degree and is employed as a
34 faculty member who teaches nursing in a nursing education
35 program as provided in rules adopted by the board of nursing

1 at a community college, an accredited private institution, or
2 an institution of higher education governed by the state board
3 of regents.

4 *b.* The program shall consist of scholarships to further
5 advance the education of nurses to become nurse educators. The
6 program shall provide for scholarship-in-exchange-for-service
7 payments in an amount established by rule for students who
8 are preparing to teach in qualifying teaching positions for a
9 period of not less than four consecutive academic years.

10 *c.* The scholarship-in-exchange-for-service recipient
11 and the department shall enter into an agreement specifying
12 the obligations of the applicant and the department.
13 If the nurse educator leaves the qualifying teaching
14 position prior to teaching for four consecutive academic
15 years, the nurse educator shall be liable to repay the
16 scholarship-in-exchange-for-service amount to the state plus
17 interest as specified by rule. However, if the nurse educator
18 leaves the qualified teaching position involuntarily, the nurse
19 educator shall be liable to repay only a pro rata amount of the
20 scholarship based on incomplete years of service.

21 *d.* The receipt of a nurse educator
22 scholarship-in-exchange-for-service shall not impact
23 eligibility of an individual for other financial incentives
24 including but not limited to loan forgiveness programs.

25 *e.* The department, in consultation with the board of
26 nursing, the department of education, and the Iowa nurses
27 association, shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#)
28 relating to the establishment and administration of the
29 nurse educator scholarship-in-exchange-for-service program.
30 The rules shall include the provisions specifying what
31 constitutes a qualifying teaching position and the amount of
32 any scholarship-in-exchange-for-service.

33 5. *Iowa needs nurses now initiative fund established.* An
34 Iowa needs nurses now initiative fund is created in the state
35 treasury as a separate fund under the control of the department

1 for deposit of moneys appropriated to or received by the
2 department for use under the initiative. Notwithstanding
3 section 8.33, moneys deposited in the fund shall not revert
4 to any fund of the state at the end of any fiscal year but
5 shall remain in the Iowa needs nurses now initiative fund and
6 be continuously available for the purposes of the initiative.
7 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
8 earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to
9 the fund.>

10 2. Title page, line 2, after <by> by inserting <the
11 department of public health or>

12 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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